

MORE FROM THE SLOPER RECORD BOOKS By David Scott.

I was interested to read in Bulletin 263 - in the article


'A Joseph Sloper Publicity Perforator' - about the die being used to produce samples on coloured paper for prospective customers. In the earliest Sloper Impression Books, which I am still researching, the early impressions are generally on white paper, but from 1873 onwards coloured papers were used - dark red, light blue, a very dark blue and sometimes white.

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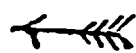
I wonder whether a sample would have been sent to each customer with the perforating machine which they had ordered?

The following are photocopies of parts of two pages from the Impressions Book, both relating to J. Sloper & Co. dies. The first is dated 1866 and refers to a dating machine. It is perforated through the book page so it is easy to get a good copy.

The second page is dated 1874 and on a dark red paper, so again it is easy to get a good photocopy. The two entries relating to Sloper on this page are for repairs to machines, not for new ones.

The other interesting thing is that the individual makers had their own mark in the Impressions Book. Horace Sloper's mark was  and H. Harborow's was *.

H. Sloper



66

H. Harborow

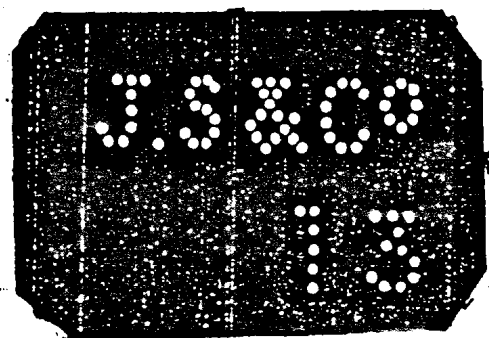


and Wire



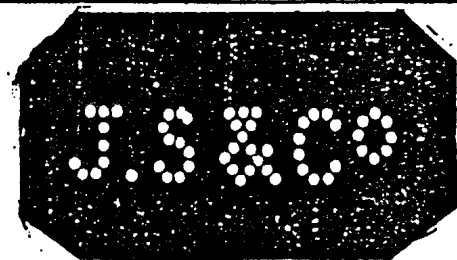
*old steel
2 wire & two
old ones*

upwards



do

upwards



1866

H. Sloper

2457

75 Wire

1 Large Hand Lever Machine with Pacific
Double die 68 - And do 125 with 1 - Blank dies
for Mr Chambers Thursday 20 1866

18th May 1866

16 - Dating Machines
June 29th 1866

H. Sloper

66

and Wire

H. Harborow

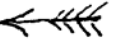


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June 29th
1866

12 12 2
1880 1880


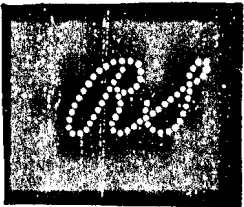
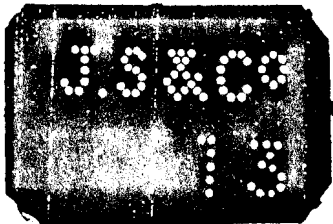
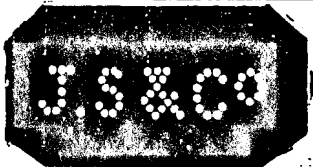
H. I. and H. Harborow



66 and 75 Wire

2
1880

3rd 1866
June 1866

March 31 st No 425-8 Order 290 Folio 178	1	Small Machine . fitted with brass cups- see Blue Book Made by Wright	
March 31 st No 4 257 Order 292 Folio 178	1	Small Initial Machine stop die see Blue book made by Wright	
March 31 st No 2 463 Order 311 Folio 185	1	J. S & Co Machine old steel drilled out with 62 wire & two new dies in place of old ones again	
March 31 st No 2475- Order 311- Folio 185-	1	do do do No dies again	
April 1 st No 4248 Order 303 Folio 183.	1	Large pull over Machine (from 12 machines order 226-) "for America" an extra spring out and 2 years dies 74 & 75- width of gauge Mark * - for Cook & Loup on dies	